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CHAPTER 141

SENATE BILL 1038

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-3021, 36-405, 36-446, 36-446.03 AND 36-446.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING CARE INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGERS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 32-3021, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to

32-3021. <u>Private vocational program license: qualifications:</u> <u>provision of information: exemptions</u>

- A. A person shall not operate a private vocational program unless the person holds a private vocational program license issued pursuant to this chapter. Each program offered by a private vocational program licensee shall be authorized on a private vocational program license. The board shall prescribe the manner in which the programs shall be identified on the license.
- B. An applicant for a private vocational program license shall meet all of the following requirements:
- 1. Furnish a letter of credit, surety bond or cash deposit as provided in section 32-3023.
- 2. Make specific information concerning educational programs, including statements of purpose, objectives, course of study, policies, fees and other pertinent information, available to prospective students and the general public.
 - 3. Be financially responsible and have management capability.
 - 4. Maintain a qualified faculty.
- 5. Maintain facilities, equipment and materials which THAT are appropriate for the stated program. All facilities shall meet applicable state and local health and safety laws.
- 6. Maintain appropriate records as the board prescribes which THAT are properly safeguarded and preserved.
- 7. Use only advertisements which THAT are consistent with the information made available as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection.
 - 8. Provide courses of instruction which THAT meet stated objectives.
 - 9. Provide a grievance procedure for students.
- 10. Comply with all federal and state laws relating to the operation of a private postsecondary educational institution.
 - 11. Other requirements the board deems necessary.
- C. An applicant for a private vocational program license shall submit evidence of meeting the requirements prescribed in subsection B of this section to the board. The board shall verify the evidence submitted. Verification shall include on-site verification.
- D. The filing of an application grants the board the authority to obtain information from any of the following:
- 1. A licensing board or agency in any state, district, territory or county of the United States or any foreign country.
- 2. The Arizona criminal justice information system as defined in section 41-1750.
 - 3. The federal bureau of investigation.

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E. The board, on application, may issue a private vocational program license to a new educational institution as provided in this section, except that the board shall establish separate minimum standards for licensure requirements of new educational institutions. These minimum standards may include the modification of licensure requirements as provided in subsection B, paragraphs 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this section to meet the circumstances of new educational institutions. The board shall monitor the new educational institution to ensure compliance with the licensure requirements. The board shall issue a private vocational program license as provided in this subsection one time only to new educational institutions.

- F. This section does not apply to any of the following:
- 1. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 3 or 5 of this title.
- 2. An instructional program or course sponsored by a bona fide trade association solely for its members.
- 3. Privately owned academic schools engaged in the process of general education which THAT is designed to produce a level of development equivalent to that necessary to meet the requirements for entrance into a public community college or public university in this state and which THAT may incidentally offer technical and vocational courses as part of the curriculum.
- 4. Schools or private instruction conducted by any person engaged in training, tutoring or teaching individuals or groups, if the instruction is related to hobbies, avocations, academic improvement or recreation and may only incidentally lead to gainful employment and if the instruction is for a period of under forty hours and costs less than one thousand dollars.
- 5. Schools conducted by any person solely for training the person's own employees.
- 6. An instructional program or course offered solely for employees and for the purpose of improving the employees in their employment if both of the following apply:
 - (a) The employee is not charged a fee.
- (b) The employer provides or funds the program or course pursuant to a valid written contract between the employer and a program or course provider.
- 7. Training conducted pursuant to 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 141.
- 8. A school that solely provides an instructional program for certified nursing assistants and is licensed by the nursing board pursuant to section 32-1606, subsection B, paragraph 11.
- 9. A professional driving training school licensed by the department of transportation pursuant to chapter 23, articles 1, 2 and 3 of this title.
- 10. A TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING CARE INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGERS THAT SOLELY PROVIDES TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.

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 Sec. 2. Section 36-405, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 36-405. Powers and duties of the director

A. The director shall adopt rules to establish minimum standards and requirements for the construction, modification and licensure of health care institutions necessary to assure the public health, safety and welfare. The standards and requirements shall relate to the construction, equipment, sanitation, staffing for medical, nursing and personal care services, and record keeping pertaining to the administration of medical, nursing and personal care services, in accordance with generally accepted practices of health care. The director shall use the current standards adopted by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals and the commission on accreditation of the American osteopathic association or those adopted by any recognized accreditation organization approved by the department as guidelines in prescribing minimum standards and requirements under this section.

- B. The director, by rule, may:
- 1. Classify and subclassify health care institutions according to character, size, range of services provided, medical or dental specialty offered, duration of care and standard of patient care required for the purposes of licensure. Classes of health care institutions may include hospitals, infirmaries, outpatient treatment centers, health screening services centers and residential care facilities. Whenever the director reasonably deems distinctions in rules and standards to be appropriate among different classes or subclasses of health care institutions, the director may make such distinctions.
- 2. Prescribe standards for determining a health care institution's substantial compliance with licensure requirements.
 - 3. Prescribe the criteria for the licensure inspection process.
- 4. Prescribe standards for the selection of health care related demonstration projects.
- 5. Prescribe standards for training programs for assisted living facilities.
- 6. 5. Establish and collect nonrefundable fees for health care institutions for license applications, initial licenses, renewal licenses and architectural drawing reviews.
 - C. The director may:
- 1. Grant, deny, suspend and revoke approval of training programs for assisted living facilities.
- 2. Impose a civil penalty pursuant to section 36-431.01 against a training program that violates this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- θ . C. Beginning January 1, 2010, ninety per cent of the fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the health services licensing fund established by section 36-414 and ten per cent of the fees collected pursuant to this

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section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund.

- \to D. Subsection B, paragraph 6-5 of this section does not apply to a health care institution operated by a state agency pursuant to state or federal law or to adult foster care residential settings.
 - Sec. 3. Section 36-446, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 36-446. Definitions

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Administrator" or "nursing care institution administrator" means a person who is charged with the general administration of a nursing care institution, whether or not that person has an ownership interest in the institution and whether or not the person's functions and duties are shared with others.
- 2. "Assisted living facility" has the same meaning prescribed in section 36-401.
- 3. "Assisted living facility manager" means a person who has responsibility for the administration or management of an assisted living facility, whether or not that person has an ownership interest in the institution and whether or not the person's functions and duties are shared with others.
 - 4. "ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAM" INCLUDES:
- (a) TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGER CERTIFICATION.
- (b) TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY CAREGIVERS.
- 4.5. "Board" means the board of examiners of nursing care institution administrators and assisted living facility managers.
 - 5. 6. "Department" means the department of health services.
- 6. 7. "Directed care services" has the same meaning prescribed in section 36-401.
- 7.8. "Director" means the director of the department of health services.
- 8. "Nursing care institution" means an institution or other place, however named, whether for profit or not, including facilities operated by the state or a subdivision of the state, which THAT is advertised, offered, maintained or operated for the express or implied purpose of providing care to persons who need nursing services on a continuing basis but who do not require hospital care or care under the daily direction of a physician. Nursing care institution does not include an institution for the care and treatment of the sick that is operated only for those who rely solely on treatment by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious denomination. Nursing care institution also does not include nursing care services that are an integral part of a hospital licensed pursuant to this chapter.

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- 9. 10. "Unprofessional conduct" includes:
- (a) Dishonesty, fraud, incompetency or gross negligence in the performance of administrative duties.
- (b) Gross immorality or proselytizing religious views on patients without their consent.
- (c) Other abuses of official responsibilities, which may include intimidation or neglect of patients.
- Sec. 4. Section 36-446.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-446.03. Powers and duties of the board: fees

- A. The board may adopt, amend or repeal reasonable and necessary rules and standards for the administration of this article in compliance with title XIX of the social security act, as amended.
 - B. The board by rule may adopt nonrefundable fees for the following:
- 1. Initial application for certification as an assisted living facility manager.
- 2. Examination for certification as an assisted living facility manager.
- 3. Issuance of a certificate as an assisted living facility manager, prorated monthly.
- 4. Biennial renewal of a certificate as an assisted living facility manager.
- 5. Issuance of a temporary certificate as an assisted living facility manager.
- 6. Readministering an examination for certification as an assisted living facility manager.
- 7. Issuance of a duplicate certificate as an assisted living facility manager.
- 8. Reviewing the sponsorship of continuing education programs, for each credit hour.
 - 9. Late renewal of an assisted living facility manager certificate.
- 10. Reviewing an individual's request for continuing education credit hours, for each credit hour.
- 11. REVIEWING INITIAL APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAMS.
- 12. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF APPROVED ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAMS.
 - C. The board may elect officers it deems necessary.
- D. The board shall apply appropriate techniques, including examinations and investigations, to determine if a person meets the qualifications prescribed in section 36-446.04.
- E. On its own motion or in response to any complaint against or report of a violation by an administrator of a nursing care institution, or a manager of an assisted living facility, the board may conduct investigations,

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hearings and other proceedings concerning any violation of this article or of rules adopted by the board or by the department.

- F. In connection with an investigation or administrative hearing, the board may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence and require by subpoena the production of documents, records or other information in any form concerning matters the board deems relevant to the investigation or hearing. If any subpoena issued by the board is disobeyed, the board may invoke the aid of any court in this state in requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence.
- G. The board may employ persons to provide investigative, professional and clerical assistance as required to perform its powers and duties under this article. Compensation for board employees shall be as determined pursuant to section 38-611. The board may contract with other state or federal agencies as required to carry out this article.
- H. The board may appoint review committees to make recommendations concerning enforcement matters and the administration of this article.
- I. The board by rule may establish a program to monitor licensees and certificate holders who are chemically dependent and who enroll in rehabilitation programs that meet board requirements. The board may take disciplinary action if a licensee or a certificate holder refuses to enter into an agreement to enroll in and complete a board approved rehabilitation program or fails to abide by that agreement.
 - J. The board shall adopt and use an official seal.
- K. The board shall adopt rules for the examination and licensure of nursing care institution administrators and the examination and certification of assisted living facility managers.
- L. The board shall adopt rules governing payment to a person for the direct or indirect solicitation or procurement of assisted living facility patronage.
- M. The board must provide the senate and the house of representatives health committee chairmen with copies of all board minutes and executive decisions.
- N. The board by rule shall limit by percentage the amount it may increase a fee above the amount of a fee previously prescribed by the board pursuant to this section.
- O. THE BOARD BY RULE SHALL PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAMS.
 - P. THE BOARD MAY:
- 1. GRANT, DENY, SUSPEND OR REVOKE APPROVAL OF, OR PLACE ON PROBATION, AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAM.
- 2. IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY ON AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAM THAT VIOLATES THIS CHAPTER OR RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

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Sec. 5. Section 36-446.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-446.04. Qualifications: period of validity: exemption

- A. The board shall issue a license as a nursing care institution administrator pursuant to its rules to any person who meets the following qualifications:
 - 1. Is of good character.
- 2. Has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction and training approved by the board that:
- (a) Is designed and sufficiently administered to give the applicant knowledge of the proper needs to be served by nursing care institutions.
- (b) Includes a thorough background in the laws and rules governing the operation of nursing care institutions and the protection of the interests of the patients in nursing care institutions.
- (c) Includes thorough training in elements of good health care facilities administration.
- 3. Has passed an examination administered by the board designed to test for competency in the subject matter referred to in this subsection.
 - 4. Has met one of the following fingerprinting requirements:
- (a) Has a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.
- (b) Has provided proof of the submission of an application for a fingerprint clearance card. An applicant who has been denied a fingerprint clearance card must also provide proof that the applicant qualifies for a good cause exception hearing pursuant to section 41-619.55.
- B. A person who is licensed pursuant to this section must maintain a valid fingerprint clearance card during the valid period of the person's license.
- C. The board shall issue a certificate as an assisted living facility manager pursuant to its rules to a person who meets the following qualifications:
 - 1. Is of good character.
- 2. Has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction and training approved by the department BOARD THAT:
- (a) IS DESIGNED AND SUFFICIENTLY ADMINISTERED TO GIVE THE APPLICANT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROPER NEEDS TO BE SERVED BY AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY.
- (b) INCLUDES A THOROUGH BACKGROUND IN THE LAWS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE PATIENTS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.
- (c) INCLUDES THOROUGH TRAINING IN ELEMENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ADMINISTRATION.
- 3. Has passed an examination administered by the board THAT IS DESIGNED TO TEST FOR COMPETENCY IN THE SUBJECT MATTER PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

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4. Provides documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed two thousand eighty hours of paid work experience in a health related field within the preceding five years as prescribed by board rule.

- 5. Has met one of the following fingerprinting requirements:
- (a) Has a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.
- (b) Has provided proof of the submission of an application for a fingerprint clearance card. An applicant who has been denied a fingerprint clearance card must also provide proof that the applicant qualifies for a good cause exception hearing pursuant to section 41-619.55.
- D. A person who is certified pursuant to this section must maintain a valid fingerprint clearance card during the valid period of the person's certificate.
- E. In lieu of the requirements contained in subsection A, paragraph 2 or subsection C, paragraph 2, an applicant may present satisfactory evidence to the board of sufficient education and training in the areas listed in that paragraph.
- F. A license is nontransferable and remains in effect until the following June 30 of an even numbered year, at which time the license may be renewed if the licensee otherwise complies with this article and unless the license has been surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- G. A certificate is nontransferable and remains in effect until the following June 30 of an odd numbered year, at which time the certificate may be renewed if the certificate holder otherwise complies with this article and the certificate has not been surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- H. This section does not apply to managers of adult foster care homes as defined in section 36-401.

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